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HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2009 is upon us! New season, new chances to go racing - don't miss any of them!

New Year's Day Racing features bitter cold, wind, and "those crazy racers"! Seventeen (17) boats turned out for the **DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE**, co-sponsored by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club and Hampton Yacht Club. **John Blais' Stardancer** (Beneteau 36.7) won the Amarylyn Award (first to finish overall) in this staggered start race that goes from HYC, around Hampton Bar, to OPCYC. Meanwhile, up on the York River, **Dan Smoker's Smoke** (Nightingale 34) took first among five (5) boats racing in the **SEAFORD YACHT CLUB ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY RACE**. Finishing second behind Dan was **Jim Bordeaux** in *Solstice*. Dana Dillon Memorial fleet results: Spinnaker A (4 boats): 1. **John Blais, Stardancer**; 2. **Phil Briggs, Feather**. Spinnaker B (4 boats): 1. **Ben Cuker, Callinectes**; 2. **Greg Cutter, Gremlyn**. Non-Spinnaker (4 boats): 1. **Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher**; 2. **Steve Ritz, Excelsior**. Winner of the Cruising Fleet (5 boats): **Jim Forrester, Anjalei**. Event Chairman - Dennis Miner.

MURPHY RULES - 2009, January 24th seminar at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club is full to capacity and registration is closed. HOWEVER, due to the overwhelming response, plans are underway to hold an identical second session, on a Saturday sometime in March. Watch future issues of *SBRNYCU* for the specific date and place for "MURPHY 2" once plans are finalized. For additional information now, please call Lin at (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net

ONE-DESIGN (small boats) SCHEDULE for CBYRA: The "Honcho" of the One-Design Schedule for the small boats for the entire Bay is our very own **Tom Roberts at tjroberts2@cox.net**. **Club and One-Design Class reps** should be sending their one-design events schedule directly to Tom along with points of contact, etc. He is already putting together the spreadsheet for the entire Bay right now, so you really need to get on this, if you are not already.

Meanwhile, the **2009 CBYRA Region 4 Schedule for "Big Boats" is complete and ready for publication**. You may contact your club's and/ or sailing association's racing dude, these are the folks who put in all the time coordinating your club's events with the rest of the Region, or you can simply **hit your reply button to this issue of Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use, and on the SUBJ: line put "I gotta have my schedule now!", or words to that effect**. The schedule will come to you via email pretty darn quick! Get ready - 2009 has shaped up as a great season!

WAIRERE, Pete Hunter's Thompson 30, is headed for **Acura Key West Race Week** (January 19 -23, 2009). Wairere, sailing out of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, is a regular and past overall winner at Southern Bay Race Week. At this point, *Wairere* is the only entry from the "southern Bay and beyond" in the Key West showcase event.

ANNA IS US SAILING's 2008 SportsWoman of the Year! Below is quoted directly from an official US SAILING public relations release:

Anna Tunnicliffe won a coveted gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Qingdao, China, entering the history books as the first American female sailor in 20 years to win gold at the Olympic Games. ... US Sailing Team Coach Luther Carpenter (La Porte, Texas), said, "Anna is your dream athlete. She's a hard worker, in amazing shape, very open to coaching, completely driven and she sees a path clearly to winning."

In case you missed this in the holiday crush - Junior Sailing Programs: Word is that **ACL barge lines in Louisville has a number of 13.5' Zodiacs in their warehouse that have never been used**. The company paid \$15,500 each, and they'll sell them for \$10,000 each. They have center consoles, and 30-hp Mercury fuel injected, four cycle engines. Very stable; would be great for Junior Sail training, etc. Anyone interested should contact Christian Primm directly at cdprimm@aclines.com.

PHRF SPLITS FOR 2009 in REGION 4: Here are the approved and published PHRF splits for both Region

4 (southern Bay) divisions -

SOUTH DIVISION: A FLEET = Up to 109; B FLEET = 110 to 163; C FLEET = 164 and UP Non-Spin = all ratings

NORTH DIVISION: A FLEET = Up to 112; B FLEET = 113 to 166; C FLEET = 167 and UP Non-Spin = all ratings

PHRF Valid Rating Renewal Application Forms are expected to be mailed out around mid-January. Submit your renewal early and beat the crush in the Spring. Most race entry forms will require you to submit with them a copy of your 2009 valid rating certificate.

PHRF Honchos for 2009: President - Bruce Bingman; VP Region I,II, and III - Mike Mullarky; **VP Region IV - Mike Dale.** Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Thomas. **Chief Handicappers - Region IV - Christian Schaumloffel;** Regions 1, II, and III - Eric Crawford;

HARBORFEST - JULY 3rd to JULY 5th - is a long, long way off, but the folks at Norfolk's FestEvents want everyone to know that Harborfest boat slip reservations are available now. The plan is to commemorate the Grand Opening of the revitalized Town Point Park, celebrate the 33rd Harborfest, and party in honor of our Nation's independence all in one great weekend on Norfolk's downtown waterfront. For info, please contact James Scruggs at scruggsj@festevents.org or phone him at (757) 441-2345, x-3019. Now's the time to think resses, if you want to be at the center of the action!

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle* is ready, really ready, for the Spring 2009 racing season. The Murphster will be sporting a special Christmas gift - a beautiful argyle, plaid, squirrel-fur lined tail warmer especially designed for early Spring and those cold upwind legs on the rail. Bring 'em on! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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